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section of the [trocar sleeve] elongate part [by several longitudinal portions articulated on a proximal section of the trocar sleeve] and swinging about pivot axes orthogonal to the longitudinal axis between closed and open positions thereof, and

- a spring mechanism [for pivoting the individual longitudinal portions] mounted between the pivotable and elongate parts for and biasing them away from one another toward the open position. [about an axis orthogonal to a longitudinal axis of the trocar sleeve]

Claim 11, line 2, change "longitudinal portions" to --pivotable parts--.

Claim 12, line 2, change "longitudinal portions" to --pivotable parts--.

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13. (Amended) Trocar sleeve according to Claim 9, characterized in that the spring mechanism comprises a plurality of spring elements acting upon the individual [longitudinal portions] pivotable parts [to bias them in a direction towards a proximal end of the sleeve].

Claim 15, line 2, change "toward" to --along--.

16. (Amended) Trocar sleeve for endoscopic applications, comprising

- an elongate part including at least one passage for insertion of an instrument and extending along a longitudinal axis,

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- pivotable parts formed at a distal section of the elongate part [trocar sleeve by several longitudinal portions articulated on a proximal section of the trocar sleeve], and

- a mechanism for pivoting the individual pivotable parts [longitudinal portions] about [an axis] axes orthogonal to the longitudinal axis [of the trocar sleeve] between open and closed positions,

B3 - said pivotable parts [longitudinal portions] converging towards one another [adapted] to [be tilted forward in such a way that they] form a pointed tip in the closed position, said pointed tip cutting [which permits piercing of] the body wall to push the trocar sleeve therethrough.

Claim 22, line 2, change "toward" to --along--.

Please add following new claim:

23. A trocar sleeve for guiding a surgical instrument into a bodily cavity comprising:

an elongated part enclosing a passage having a longitudinal axis that extends between proximal and distal ends of the elongated part;

a plurality of arms pivotally mounted to the distal end of the elongated part to pivot between a rest and operative position thereof; and

a plurality of spring elements biasing the arms radially outwardly towards the operative position upon displacing the surgical instrument along the passage.

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Sub 37 24. A trocar sleeve for endoscopic applications, comprising:

an elongate part including at least one passage for insertion of an instrument selected from the group consisting of an endoscope, scissors and the like, and

pivotable parts formed at a distal section of the elongate part and adapted to be tilted forward in a piercing position, the pivotable parts converging